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DEPARTMENT PASS AID AND USDA (OGSM AND FAS)

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SUBJECT: EGYPT - FOOD AID REQUEST FOR FY-1979 FROM U.S.

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1. FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JULY 3 FROM AHMED M. EL DAKKAK,
UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR IMPORTATION, GENERAL AUTHORITY
FOR SUPPLY COMMODITIES, RECEIVED BY AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE
(UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):

QUOTE. WE SHOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT OUR REQUIRE-
MENTS UNDER PL-480 AND AID AGREEMENT FOR FY-1978/79
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. PL-480:

COMMODITY	QUANTITY (TONS)
WHEAT	2,500,000
CORN	400,000
BEANS	4,000

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- 2. AID:

CORN	550,000
OIL	175,000
TALLOW	125,000
POULTRY	20,000

YOU ARE KINDLY TO SUBMIT THESE REQUIREMENTS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR. HOPING TO RECEIVE THE APPROVAL OF THE U.S.A. AUTHORITIES, ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, ETC. END QUOTE.

2. BASED ON PRICES SHOWN IN GUIDE TO U.S. COMMERCIAL SALES FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 7, 1978 (ISSUED BY USDA/FAS), WE ESTIMATE FOB VALUE OF GOE REQUEST AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. PL-480

COMMODITY	QUANTITY (TONS)	PRICE/ TON(\$)	TOTAL VALUE(1)
WHEAT	2,500,000	130(2)	325
CORN	400,000	107	43
BEANS	4,000	480(3)	2
TOTAL TITLE I, PL-480			370

- 2. AID:

CORN	550,000	107	59
OIL	175,000	680(4)	119
TALLOW	125,000	474	59
POULTRY	20,000	1,190	24
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- TOTAL AID (CIP) 261

- GRAND TOTAL BOTH PL-480 AND AID 631

(1) MILLIONS OF U.S. DOLLARS.

(2) ROUGH AVERAGE OF ALL CLASSES OF WHEAT QUOTED

- FOB GULF.

(3) ROUGH AVERAGE OF GREAT NORTHERNS AND PINTO BEANS.

(4) ROUGH AVERAGE OF CRUDE AND REFINED, BULK AND DRUMMED,

- COTTONSEED AND SOYBEAN OILS.

3. OBVIOUSLY, BOTH THE REQUESTS UNDER TITLE I AND CIP, AND TOTAL REQUEST, ARE MUCH GREATER THAN RECENT PROGRAM LEVELS OR ANY THAT HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATED. HOWEVER, WE HAVE LITTLE REASON TO DOUBT THAT THE QUANTITIES REQUESTED ARE NEEDED BY EGYPT UNDER CONCESSIONAL FINANCING. IN REFTTEL, WE POINTED OUT THAT EGYPT'S IMPORT REQUIREMENT FOR WHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR (GRAIN EQUIVALENT BASIS) IN FY-1979 IS LIKELY TO BE AT LEAST 2.9 MILLION TONS IN ADDITION TO UMR OF 2.0 MILLION. WHILE WE ESTIMATED TOTAL IMPORT REQUIREMENT FOR FEED GRAINS AT

750,000 TONS, WE POINTED OUT THAT EGYPT'S FEED SHORTAGE IS SO GREAT THAT A MUCH LARGER QUANTITY COULD BE READILY USED IF FINANCING WERE AVAILABLE. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ESTIMATES OF FOOD AID IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR EDIBLE OIL IN REFTEL AND REQUEST REPORTED HEREIN MAY BE IN CALCULATION OF UMR. JULY 3 REQUEST FOR BEANS, TALLOW AND POULTRY ARE IN LINE WITH RECENT TRENDS.

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4. COMMENT. RECOGNIZING FACT THAT TOTAL FOOD AID PACKAGE OF 631 MILLION DOLLARS UNDER TITLE I AND CIP IS NOT LIKELY, WE DO BELIEVE THAT GOE REQUEST IS INDICATIVE OF ITS CONTINUALLY GROWING NEED FOR CONCESSIONAL FINANCING FOR FOOD AND FEED. WHILE WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL HAVE TO FIT GOE REQUEST INTO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND NEEDS OF OTHER RECIPIENT COUNTRIES, WE WISH TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING OR EVEN EXPANDING LEVEL OF USG FOOD AID ASSISTANCE TO GOE. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE TO PROVIDE 2.0 MILLION TONS OF WHEAT/WHEAT FLOUR IN FY-1979 UNDER TITLE I AND 1.5 MILLION TONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ABSOLUTE MINIMUM FIGURE. END COMMENT.
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